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1,000+ Egyptian Military Officers Executed by Israeli Army in 1967

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USS Liberty: Did Israel commit one war crime to hide another? By James M. Ennes, Jr.

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Washington Report readers know the story well. In 1967 on the fourth day of the Six Day War, the armed forces of Israel attacked the American intelligence ship USS Liberty for 90 minutes in international waters in broad daylight following several hours of close, low-level reconnaissance. Thirty-four men died, 171 were hurt, and the ship was so badly damaged that it had to be scrapped.

The government of Israel has lied about the circumstances ever since, telling a story markedly different from that told by American survivors. Congress has refused to question Israel's demonstrably false account, even though the State Department's own analysis finds the Israeli story to be untrue.

Yet the most pressing question remaining from that infamy is not whether the attack was deliberate. That was settled long ago for most reasonable people. The question is why Israel risked its cozy relationship with America by killing American seamen on the high seas.

Indeed, spokesmen for Israel use that question in Israel's defense. Why, they ask, would Israel risk alienating its American friends?

So why did Israel attack? Intelligence analysts and others have long supposed that Israel attacked to prevent the ship from reporting the impending invasion of the Golan Heights, then imminent despite cease fire pleas by the United States. Israel's defenders reject that explanation.

Recent reports in the Israeli and Egyptian press suggest another powerful possibility.

According to eyewitness accounts by Israeli officers and journalists, the Israeli Army - the army that claims to hold itself to a higher moral standard than other armies - executed as many as 1,000 Arab prisoners during the 1967 war.

Historian Gabby Bron wrote in the Yediot Ahronot in Israel that he witnessed Israeli troops executing Egyptian prisoners on the morning of June 8, 1967, in the Sinai town of El Arish.

Bron reported that he saw about 150 Egyptian POWs being held at the El Arish airport where they were sitting on the ground, densely crowded together with their hands held on the back of their necks. Every few minutes, Bron writes, Israeli soldiers would escort an Egyptian POW from the group to a hearing conducted by two men in Israeli army uniforms. Then the man would be taken away, given a spade, and forced to dig his own grave.

"I watched as (one) man dug a hole for about 15 minutes," Bron wrote. "Afterwards, the (Israeli military) policeman told him to throw the shovel away, and then one of them leveled an Uzi at him and shot two short bursts, each of three or four bullets."

Bron says he witnessed about ten such executions, until the grave was filled. Then an Israeli Colonel threatened him with a revolver, forcing him to leave the area.

USS Liberty was nearby

As those executions were underway, America's most sophisticated intelligence platform, USS Liberty, was less than 13 miles from El Arish.

We were close enough to see the town mosque with the naked eye. With binoculars we could make out individual buildings and might have seen the executions if we had looked in the right place.

Could our operators have heard voice radio messages revealing these killings? Did senior Israeli officers sanction the murders, or did they learn of them? How would they have reacted to the knowledge that USS Liberty was nearby and might have heard incriminating radio traffic?

Would they have been desperate enough to attack an American ship?

The Liberty attack was a war crime

The attack on USS Liberty was itself a war crime. US Navy Commander Walter Jacobsen, a Navy Legal Officer then doing graduate work at George Washington University, conducted an extensive legal analysis of the attack.

His conclusion, reported in the Winter, 1986, Naval Law Review, was that several aspects of the attack violated provisions of the Geneva Conventions -- war crimes. Specifically, Commander Jacobsen found that the attack was not legally justified, that it constituted an act of aggression under the United Nations Charter, that the use of unmarked aircraft, the wanton destruction of life rafts in the water, the jamming of international radio distress frequencies, and the failure of the torpedo boat commanders to render immediate assistance to a disabled and helpless enemy were all violations of international law.

US refusal to investigate violates Geneva Conventions

For years, USS Liberty survivors have asked Members of Congress to investigate the circumstances of the attack.

The Israeli version is untrue. We did fly a flag. We did identify ourselves. We were in international waters. They did not stop firing after seeing our flag as they claim, but continued to fire for another 40 minutes. The attack lasted 75 minutes and was not brief or accidental as Israel claims. We did not "attempt to hide" or escape when detected, as Israel has charged. These things are easy to prove.

More important are the war crimes discussed by Commander Jacobsen. These things should have been investigated in 1967. Yet U.S. officials have ignored the offenses for 29 years, refusing to investigate or even to acknowledge them.

That refusal is itself a crime. The United States, as a signatory to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, is "under the obligation to search for persons alleged to have committed, or to have ordered to be committed" violations of the conventions, and to see that violators are brought to trial.

There are no exceptions. War crimes reported to government officials must be investigated and perpetrators tried.

Yet even this is ignored by U.S. officials. Liberty survivors for many years have reported the crimes committed against us and have requested an appropriate investigation. Despite the law, our complaints are ignored. No investigation of these charges has ever been held.

Recently Liberty's Joe Meadors, a former president and chairman of the Liberty Veterans Association, has filed formal complaints with the House and Senate Ethics Committees against members who have ignored our complaints.

To no surprise, these complaints, too, are being ignored.

Navy Refusal to investigate violates Navy Regulations

When the Liberty was attacked, Captain Joseph Tully in the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga received the ship's call for help and immediately sent jet aircraft to her assistance. Tully's jets were recalled almost immediately by orders from Washington. As a result, American jet fighter support was withheld for more than 90 minutes. By then the damage was done and 34 men were dead or dying.

Had those aircraft been sent, they would probably have arrived before the torpedo boats started their part of the attack. At least 25 lives could have been saved.

We survivors have tried for 29 years to learn why we were denied the immediate air support that we were promised in case of trouble. There are no answers. The Navy still will not even admit that help was not sent, even though one of the aircraft carrier commanders has offered to testify that he was forbidden to help us.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice, the body of law that governs every military person, provides that "Any person subject to this chapter who before or in the presence of the enemy . . . does not afford all practicable relief and assistance to . . . troops, vessels, or aircraft of the armed forces . . . when engaged in battle . . . shall be punished by death or such punishment as a courtmartial may direct."

That provision was clearly violated when Liberty's air support was withheld. Yet the Navy will not even admit that we were not defended.

George Orwell suggested in 1945 that some animals are more equal than other animals. Some countries, too, it would seem.

James Ennes retired from the Navy in 1978 as a lieutenant commander after 27 years of enlisted and commissioned service. He was a lieutenant on the bridge of the USS Liberty on the day of the attack. His book on the subject, Assault on the Liberty (Random House, 1980), is a "Notable Naval Book" selection of the U.S. Naval Institute and was "editor's choice" when reviewed in The Washington Post. [top of page](#)

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Eye on the media: Blood in the water

Bret Stephens

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This is how the dots connect.

I am surfing a web site called Jew Watch (www.jewwatch.com). Its self-declared purpose is to keep "a Close Watch on Jewish Communities & Organizations Worldwide." I came across the site while looking into an allegation of a 1967 massacre of 1,000 Egyptian POWs by Israeli troops in El-Arish, on the Mediterranean shore of the Sinai. And I came across the allegation while watching a documentary first broadcast by the BBC.

Jew Watch is a virtual warehouse of anti-Semitic literature: It brings hundreds of Fascist, Leftist and Arab links together in a revealing whole. There are headings for "Jewish World Conspiracies," "Zionist Occupied Governments," "Jewish Genocides Today and Yesterday," and "Jewish Hate Groups"—among them, the Anti-Defamation League, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the ACLU.

Under the section for "Jewish Atrocities," there is a link to the "1967 Egyptian Massacre" about which I'm curious. This, in turn, links to an article James Ennes wrote in 1996 for *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, which Jew Watch reprints "with permission." The *Report*, published under the auspices of the American Educational Trust, bills itself as a sober, non-partisan publication; its publisher, Andrew Killgore, is a former US ambassador to Qatar who recently won respectful attention with an open letter denouncing Bush's Israel-Palestine policy. Yet even the most cursory look at the *Report's* site reveals it for what it is. "Journals of opinion," it says in an appeal for private donations, "do not bring in the same advertising revenue as mainstream magazines. Big corporations and the Zionist lobby want to control the editorial content around which their ads will be placed."

As for Ennes's article, it purports to explain Israel's motives for attacking the *USS Liberty*, an American spy ship operating just north of the Sinai coast, on June 8, 1967. Israelis have always claimed the attack was a case of mistaken identity, whereas Ennes, who served as a deck officer on the *Liberty*, believes the IDF knew exactly who it was hitting. But why would Israel risk the wrath of its ally and patron by attacking the ship? This was always the stumbling block for those who suspected Israeli malice. Ennes's theory is that Israel feared the *Liberty* might discover what Israeli troops had been up to in El-Arish. Therefore it chose to commit a war crime in order to disguise a war crime.

LET'S MOVE now to the BBC. Earlier this month, Israel's Channel 8 aired "Dead in the Water," a documentary about the *Liberty* first broadcast last year by BBC 4. The documentary reconstructs the events surrounding the *Liberty* incident. Members of the crew, including Ennes, are interviewed, as are such former senior officials as Robert McNamara, Richard Helms, Ezer Weizman, Shlomo Gazit and Rafael Eitan.

It is an expensive production, and its promotional material promises "startling new evidence to reveal the truth behind the seemingly inexplicable attack." For instance, the viewer is told that, following the attack, "the US was about to launch a nuclear strike against Egypt, the *Liberty's* presumed attacker." The El-Arish "massacre," and

Ennes's theory about it, is offered, as are two other theories to explain Israel's motives: One, that "the attack was intended to be blamed on Egypt, and would therefore draw America into the war"; and two, that the attack "was part of a larger plan hatched by Israeli and American intelligence, to invade Egypt and overthrow Nasser." What is beyond cavil, according to the documentary, is that the Israelis knew exactly what they were doing. "The inescapable conclusion," goes the voiceover, "is that Israel wanted no one left to tell the tale."

But there's a problem: If it was Israel's intention to leave nobody alive, why did they? Certainly there was nothing stopping them. Assuming Israel really was trying to cover up a massacre in El-Arish, why didn't the Israeli torpedo boats circling the crippled, unescorted, unarmed *Liberty* deliver the *coup de grace*? Assuming the attack had been planned well in advance, why did the Israeli Air Force drop napalm on the deck, instead of ship-sinking iron bombs? Assuming the attack was meant to look like the work of the Egyptians, thereby provoking US retaliation on Cairo, why did the Israelis attack in broad daylight instead of by stealth?

These are simple questions – so simple, in fact, that it may seem strange that the makers of "Dead in the Water" neither address nor answer them. But of course it isn't strange. For the only way "Dead in the Water" can be taken seriously is if one is predisposed to believe that Israel is capable of perpetrating irrational and basically frivolous cruelties. And plainly, the makers of this documentary are so disposed.

Why, for instance, would Israel massacre a thousand Egyptian POWs? Israel took tens of thousands of prisoners during the Six Day War; most of them, it quickly let go. So why kill a thousand? Because, one supposes, that is just the sort of thing Israelis do; they kill people for sport, in the manner that one hunts ducks for sport. (For the record, the principal sources of the massacre story – Israeli journalist Gabi Bron and scholar Aryeh Yitzhaki – both insist no massacres took place and that they were misquoted in an Associated Press dispatch out of which the El-Arish story arose. Their denials, a matter of public record, go unmentioned in "Dead in the Water.")

Similarly, why would Israel seek to inveigle the US into bombing Egypt? After all, by the time of the *Liberty* attack, Israel was well on the road to total victory over the Arabs, and US assistance was not required. So why do it? Because, the documentary implies, having the Americans vaporize Cairo would be a nice bonus for the Jewish state. And – guess what? – they very nearly got the US to do it.

The documentary goes on to tell how Israel – which in point of fact instantly apologized to the United States, paid \$12 million in reparations, and launched three commissions of inquiry – succeeded in perpetrating a 35-year cover-up. There is also the suggestion that Lyndon Johnson did not want to antagonize his Jewish constituency, or his Jewish advisers, or his relationship with the Jewish state, and thus let the matter slide. Again, the impression conveyed is that Israel not only bombed an American ship deliberately, but got its pawn of an American president to do its bidding.

All in all, the portrait painted of Israel in "Dead in the Water" is of a country that asks itself "what can we get away with this time?" and then makes every effort to achieve new heights of wickedness. In this scenario, bombing your only ally's ship in order to cover up your massacre, getting him to pulverize the enemy capital, and then have him cover it all up for you, must seem like the ultimate trick. But leave it to the Jews to (nearly) carry it off.

We can be under no illusions about what we're dealing with here. "Dead in the Water" is of a piece with everything that is to be found on Jew Watch. Its illogic cannot be explained as a failure of understanding, but rather as a function of intent. That intent is to demonize the Jewish state precisely in the way that Jews themselves have traditionally been demonized: as international manipulators and bloodthirsty connivers.

The principal researcher for "Dead in the Water" is Peter Hounam, better known as the champion of nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu. Hounam has been barred from entering the country by the Interior Ministry. He now seeks to appeal that decision in an Israeli court, presumably on the grounds that no free country can reasonably or honorably bar an honest journalist from its shores. But "Dead in the Water" is not honest journalism. It is not journalism. It's the Damascus blood libel for the 21st century. And the Jewish state is under no obligation to entertain the motions of an anti-Semite.

'The USS Liberty': America's Most Shameful Secret

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by [Eric S. Margolis](#)

NEW YORK – On the fourth day of the 1967 Arab Israeli War, the intelligence ship 'USS Liberty' was steaming slowly in international waters, 14 miles off the Sinai Peninsula. Israeli armored forces were racing deep into Sinai in hot pursuit of the retreating Egyptian army.

'Liberty,' a World War II freighter, had been converted into an intelligence vessel by the top-secret US National Security Agency, and packed with the latest signals and electronic interception equipment. The ship bristled with antennas and electronic 'ears' including TRSSCOMM, a system that delivered real-time intercepts to Washington by bouncing a stream of microwaves off the moon.

'Liberty' had been rushed to Sinai to monitor communications of the belligerents in the Third Arab Israeli War: Israel and her foes, Egypt, Syria, and Jordan.

At 0800 hrs, 8 June, 1967, eight Israeli recon flights flew over 'Liberty,' which was flying a large American flag. At 1400 hrs, waves of low-flying Israeli Mystere and Mirage-III fighter-bombers repeatedly attacked the American vessel with rockets, napalm, and cannon. The air attacks lasted 20 minutes, concentrating on the ship's electronic antennas and dishes. The 'Liberty' was left afire, listing sharply. Eight of her crew lay dead, a hundred seriously wounded, including the captain, Commander William McGonagle.

At 1424 hrs, three Israeli torpedo boats attacked, raking the burning 'Liberty' with 20mm and 40mm shells. At 1431hrs an Israeli torpedo hit the 'Liberty' midship, precisely where the signals intelligence systems were located. Twenty-five more Americans died.

Israeli gunboats circled the wounded 'Liberty,' firing at crewmen trying to fight the fires. At 1515, the crew were ordered to abandon ship. The Israeli warships closed and poured machine gun fire into the crowded life rafts, sinking two. As American sailors were being massacred in cold blood, a rescue mission by US Sixth Fleet carrier aircraft was mysteriously aborted on orders from the White House.

An hour after the attack, Israeli warships and planes returned. Commander McGonagle gave the order. 'prepare to repel borders.' But the Israelis, probably fearful of intervention by the US Sixth Fleet, departed. 'Liberty' was left shattered but still defiant, her flag flying.

The Israeli attacks killed 34 US seamen and wounded 171 out of a crew of 297, the worst loss of American naval personnel from hostile action since World War II.

Less than an hour after the attack, Israel told Washington its forces had committed a 'tragic error.' Later, Israel claimed it had mistaken 'Liberty' for an ancient Egyptian horse transport. US Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, and Joint Chiefs of Staff head, Admiral Thomas Moorer, insisted the Israeli attack was deliberate and designed to sink 'Liberty.' So did three CIA reports; one asserted Israel's Defense Minister, Gen. Moshe Dayan, had personally ordered the attack.

In contrast to American outrage over North Korea's assault on the intelligence ship 'Pueblo,' Iraq's mistaken missile strike on the USS 'Stark,' last fall's bombing of the USS 'Cole' in Aden, and the recent US-China air incident, the savaging of 'Liberty' was quickly hushed up by President Lyndon Johnson and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

The White House and Congress immediately accepted Israel's explanation and let the matter drop. Israel later paid a token reparation of US \$6 million. There were reports two Israeli pilots who had refused to attack 'Liberty' were jailed for 18 years.

Surviving 'Liberty' crew members would not be silenced. They kept demanding an open inquiry and tried to tell their story of deliberate attack to the media. Israel's government worked behind the scenes to thwart these efforts, going so far as having American pro-Israel groups accuse 'Liberty's' survivors of being 'anti-Semites' and 'Israel-haters.' Major TV networks cancelled interviews with the crew. A book about the 'Liberty' by crewman James Ennes' was dropped from distribution. The Israel lobby branded him 'an Arab propagandist.'

The attack on 'Liberty' was fading into obscurity until last week, when intelligence expert James Bamford came out with [*Body of Secrets*](#), his latest book about the National Security Agency. In a stunning revelation, Bamford writes that unknown to Israel, a US Navy EC-121 intelligence aircraft was flying high overhead the 'Liberty,' electronically recorded the attack. The US aircraft crew provides evidence that the Israeli pilots knew full well that they were attacking a US Navy ship flying the American flag.

Why did Israel try to sink a naval vessel of its benefactor and ally? Most likely because 'Liberty's' intercepts flatly contradicted Israel's claim, made at the war's beginning on 5 June, that Egypt had attacked Israel, and that Israel's massive air assault on three Arab nations was in retaliation. In fact, Israel began the war by a devastating, Pearl-Harbor style surprise attack that caught the Arabs in bed and destroyed their entire air forces.

Israel was also preparing to attack Syria to seize its strategic Golan Heights. Washington warned Israel not to invade Syria, which had remained inactive while Israel fought Egypt. Bamford says Israel's offensive against Syria was abruptly postponed when 'Liberty' appeared off Sinai, then launched once it was knocked out of action. Israel's claim that Syria had attacked it could have been disproved by 'Liberty.'

Most significant, 'Liberty's' intercepts may have shown that Israel seized upon sharply rising Arab-Israeli tensions in May-June 1967 to launch a long-planned war to invade and annex the West Bank, Jerusalem, Golan and Sinai.

Far more shocking was Washington's response. Writes Bamford: 'Despite the overwhelming evidence that Israel attacked the ship and killed American servicemen deliberately, the Johnson Administration and Congress covered up the entire incident.' Why?

Domestic politics. Johnson, a man never noted for high moral values, preferred to cover up the attack rather than anger a key constituency and major financial backer of the Democratic Party. Congress was even less eager to touch this 'third rail' issue.

Commander McGonagle was quietly awarded the Medal of Honor for his and his men's heroism – not in the White House, as is usual, but in an obscure ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard. Crew member's graves were inscribed, 'died in the Eastern Mediterranean..' as if they had be killed by disease, rather than hostile action.

A member of President Johnson's staff believed there was a more complex reason for the cover-up: Johnson offered Jewish liberals unconditional backing of Israel, and a cover-up of the 'Liberty' attack, in exchange for the liberal toning down their strident criticism of his policies in the then raging Vietnam War.

Israel, which claims it fought a war of self defense in 1967 and had no prior territorial ambitions, will be much displeased by Bamford's revelations. Those who believe Israel illegally occupies the West Bank and Golan will be emboldened.

Much more important, the US government's long, disgraceful cover-up of the premeditated attack on 'Liberty' has now burst into the open and demands full-scale investigation. After 34 years, the voices of 'Liberty's' dead and wounded seamen must finally be heard.

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USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5), 1964-1970



USS *Liberty*, a 7725-ton *Belmont* class technical research ship, was built in 1945 as the civilian cargo ship *Simmons Victory*. She operated in commercial trade until 1958, when she was laid up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet. *Simmons Victory* was acquired by the Navy in February 1963 for conversion. Renamed *Liberty* and classified AG-168 in June 1963, she was reclassified AGTR-5 in April 1964 and commissioned in December 1964. In February 1965, she steamed from the west coast to Norfolk, Virginia, where she was further outfitted to suit her for a mission of collecting and processing foreign communications and other electronic emissions of possible National defense interest.

In June 1965, *Liberty* began her first deployment, to waters off the west coast of Africa. She carried out several more operations during the next two years, and went to the Mediterranean in 1967. During the "Six-Day War" between Israel and several Arab nations, she was sent to collect electronic intelligence in the eastern Mediterranean. On the afternoon of 8 June 1967, while in international waters off the Sinai Peninsula, *Liberty*, though clearly marked as a U.S. Navy ship, was struck by Israeli aircraft. After suffering damage and many personnel casualties from gunfire, rockets and bombs, she was further attacked by three Israeli Navy motor torpedo boats. One torpedo hit her on the starboard side, forward of the superstructure, opening a large hole in her hull. In all, thirty-four men were killed in the attacks and nearly 170 wounded. Israel subsequently apologized for the incident, explaining that its air and naval forces had mistaken the *Liberty* for a much smaller Egyptian Navy ship.

Though severely damaged, *Liberty's* crew kept her afloat, and she was able to leave the area under her own power. She was escorted to Malta by units of the U.S. Sixth Fleet and was there given interim repairs. After these were completed in July 1967, *Liberty* returned to the United States. She was decommissioned in June 1968 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register two years later. USS *Liberty* was sold for scrapping in December 1970.

This page features, or provides links to, all our views of USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5).

For pictures and information on *Liberty's* June 1967 Commanding Officer, who was awarded the [Medal of Honor](#) for his conduct during the attacks on her, see: [Captain William L. McGonagle, USN](#).

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USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5)

At the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia, 2 October 1966.

USS *Waldron* (DD-699) is tied up astern of *Liberty*.

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USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5)

Underway in Chesapeake Bay, 29 July 1967, upon her return from the Mediterranean Sea. She had been attacked and seriously damaged by Israeli air and surface forces while operating off the Sinai Peninsula on 8 June 1967, during the "Six-Day War", and was subsequently repaired at Malta.

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Insignia of USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5)

This emblem was in use in 1967.

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